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- 1. THREE INDEPENDENT SOURCES AT SENIOR LEVELS IN GOC HAVE NOV INDICATED TO EMBASSY SCICOUNS THAT THEY EXPECT REAL DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING FINAL APPROVAL OF ADREFERENDUM AGREEMENT. ALL THREE SOURCES ARE IN POSITIONS WHERE THEY SHOULD HAVE "GOOD FEEL" FOR THE SITUATION.
- 2. GIVEN INFORMATION GRADUALLY SURFACING HERE ABOUT DETAILS OF AGREEMENT (WHICH GENERALLY ACCORD WITH NEW DELHI 3489) AEMBASSY IS AT A BIT OF A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND NATURE OF PROBLEMS WHICH GOC OFFICIALS FORSEE IN CABINET, ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL BE CRITICAL WHEN AGREEMENT LAID BEFORE HOUSE. WHILE IT IS THAT NEGOTIATORS DID NOT ACHIEVE ALL THEY HAD HOPED FOR AND OUTLINED IN FEBRUARY 6 DAVIS/DUPUY MEETING, IT NOW APPEARS CLEAR THAT THEY DID ACHIEVE ENOUGH TO MAKE IT QUESTIONABLE WHETHER SECRET

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THE RISK SOULD BE TAKEN THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF REACHING

AGREEMENT INDIA MIGHT ABROGATE ALL SAFEGUARDS ON RAPP.

3. CLEARLY DEVELOPMENTS IN WASHINGTON RELATING TO AMERICANINDIAN COOPERATION, WHICH ARE BEING CARRIED BY MEDIA HERE,
COULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE EFFECT ON CONSIDERATION OF ADREFERENDUM AGREEMENT HERE. EXTAFF, AECB, AND AECL HAVE ALL
REQUESTED THAT GOC BE KEPT AS FULLY AWARE AS POSSIBLE
OF DEVELOPMENTS IN WASHINGTON EITHER THROUGH CANADIAN
EMBASSY THERE OR THIS EMBASSY.
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